

The Honorable Tom Udall
US Representative
Democratic Steering and Policy Committee
1414 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

To the Honorable Tom Udall:

This is in response to your letter of January 3, 2005, in which you urged the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Source Evaluation Board (SEB) to consider extending the period during which interested parties could submit comments on the draft Request for Proposals for the management and operation of LANL.

The SEB is encouraged by the interest that the community has taken in our competition and we want to be sure that all who have views will have the opportunity to express them.

We will announce today an extension of two weeks to the comment period. The closing date for receipt of comments will now be January 21, 2005. In addition, we will encourage individuals and organization to use the Los Alamos ReCompete web site (www.doeal.gov/lanlcontractrecompete) to provide comments, as this is the only way to assure that one's comments will be received and acted upon.

Finally, thank you for the kind words in your letter concerning our efforts to run a full, open and fair competition. The true thanks should go to the members of the SEB, the majority of whose members live in New Mexico, and who have worked long and hard to make this competition a success.

Sincerely yours,

C.S. Przybylek
Chairman
Los Alamos National Laboratory
Source Evaluation Board